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On the 17th December, at Holy Trinity Catho-
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HONGKONG, 23RD DECEMBER, 1903

If the latest reports, derived from good
native authority, be true, China must have
fallen indeed on evil times. Milton, in
poetic exaggeration, speaks in the lowest
depths of deeper still; what if his case was
merely poetic licence has in that of China
become a grim reality. According to this
latest report, Russia, not content with
having, without any show of quarrel, entered
on, and in spite of repeated promises to
evacuate, still holding an important province
of China, has recently influenced France to
press on China what France represents
as her good offices to act as arbitrator
between the two. Unlike the ordinary
practice of arbitration, she has made her
award beforehand; China is to keep closed
to foreign commerce the important parts of
Manchuria through which the Manchurian
railway passes, and Russia is to have the
exclusive right of mining in the Manchurian
provinces. In the event of China agreeing
to these remarkable concessions Russia is
to engage to withdraw from what is left of
Manchuria by next March. For this piece
of officious interference, which it is not
suggested has been asked for, France, of course,
expects an adequate compensation, and the
consideration is almost equally staggering.
France is to be permitted to put down the
rebellion in Kwangsi, but characteristically
not a word is said about retiring when the
suppression is complete. The whole affair
hears, in fact, a noble resemblance to a

transaction wherein China was interested at
the very verge of history. The state of Cheo in
those days had its headquarters in what is
now the province of Shensi. The *Hsing Nu*
were then, as Russia is now, pressing on
the northern frontier, and had advanced so
far as to threaten the capital, situated near
the modern Hsian. Cheo had fallen on
evil times, and was governed by a weak
king. The Duke of Te'in, ancestor of the
great Shi Hwang-ti, offered his services to
drive away the Turks, which he did success-
fully. He had said nothing about restoring
the town when the *Hsing Nu* were expelled,
so he quietly remained, and the unfortunate
king and all his people who remained about
him had to emigrate, and take up a new
home in Honan at the town of Loyang.
Such was the hard measure dealt out to the
ancestors of the present Chinese, and it
would be well for the modern administrators
of this Government to lay the story by for
reference.

We have told the tale of the French as it
has come to us from Chinese sources, ap-
parently without any inkling of its impor-
tance to the very existence of China; and
probably in ignorance of the fatal results
of a former trial of the same methods. We
do not in any way vouch for its truth; nor
do we believe that the French have been
acting the double part attributed to them.
The whole tale, indeed, bears on its face
evidence of having been more or less con-
cocted by Chinese brains, and its chief
interest lies in the curious light that it
throws on the state of confusion and help-
less unpreparedness in which China finds
herself after the warnings of nearly half a
century, and the inability of the Chinese
official mind to grasp the main features
of the present situation. One part of
the story is undoubtedly true: nowhere
has the incapacity of the governing body
been more markedly shown than in its
inability to put down the state of disorder
for some years back prevailing in the
provinces of Kwangsi. It would be dignifying
the movement now going on in Kwangsi by too
high-sounding a title to call it a rebellion. It
has, in fact, no object and no leader, both
generally held necessary to constitute a
rebellion. It is really but an expression of
the discontent of the people at the absence
of any system of government. The unpaid
officials, finding themselves without resources
of any sort, owing to past neglect, are com-
pelled in self-defence to institute a system
of collection akin to that described by
Scott, "that they should take who have the
power, and they should keep who can." The
so-called rebellion is merely a return to
primitive usages, and Government and people
alike suffer. That the French, whatever
the shortcomings of their own administra-
tion, should protest against such a state of
affairs is natural enough, and the French
Minister in Peking has protested, and still
protests in the strongest terms against the
system. This is, however, a completely
different thing from representing him as
the willing minion of Russian intrigue.
Doubtless from the very nature of the case
he finds himself not altogether willing
instrument of Russian schemes, and doubt-
less ready to take advantage of any circum-
stance likely to advance his national claims.
The remedy is, however, in the power of the
Chinese Government itself; under the best
of circumstances, the province of Kwangsi
never has been self-supporting, and under
present conditions less so than ever. If
Peking will recognise this unpleasant fact,
and supply the deficit, there is no reason
why Kwangsi should not become as peaceful
and well ordered as the best of the Eighteen
Provinces. The sums actually squandered
under pretence of re-establishing peace
could pay the expenses of settled govern-
ment, and leave a good margin for im-
provements.

We are requested to remind our readers that
the V.R.C. Regatta Dinner takes place to-
night at 8 o'clock, at the Kowloon Hotel.

Major A. B. Hamilton, P.S.C., informs us
that the band performances on the Parade
ground will be discontinued until further notice.

The running of torpedoes at the torpedo
sub-depot at Kowloon will be carried on until
further notice from 7.30 a.m. till noon, and from
1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

The visit of the British warship *Thetis* to
Manila was taken full advantage of by the
U.S. Army and Navy men there. The British
tars have been entertained to their limit, says
the *Columbian*.

It has been arranged to get up from Australia
a herd of milch cows to replace the herd that
had to be shot at Kennedy's dairy at Canebray
Bay owing to an outbreak of disease among
them. Mr. R. (London) will have a train
shortly.

Mrs. Sharp has just presented a monkey to
the Hongkong Botanical Gardens.

Yesterday was the Chinese national *8th* day
of Confucius, but not many signs of the celebra-
tion were visible in Hongkong.

The U.S. Minister at Seoul has demanded
a definite reply from the Korean Government
on the question of opening Wiju.

An agreement has been entered into between
the United States and the Vatican, for the
purchase of the Pinar lands in the Philippines,
by the former, for \$7,237,000, gold. This finally
settles a very old and long-drawn-out question.

In his new book, *The Story of a Soldier's Life*,
Lord Wolsey says of the Chinese:—"To me
they are the most remarkable race on earth, and
I have always thought and still believe them to
be the great coming rulers of the world."

The return of old Hongkong residents to the
Colony has commenced. Yesterday there arrived
by the *Empress of China* Mr. C. D. Wilkinson,
of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist; and we hear
of several expected arrivals in the next week
or so.

An Anti-Russian Society has been started in
Shanghai, called the *Tai Wo Lai*, and has
already begun its propaganda by the publication
of a daily newspaper called the *Wo Shih Ching*,
or "Startling Truths about Russian
Matters."

A telegram dated Seoul, 11th December,
says:—"The diplomats here believe that the
Yalu district will be divided between Japan and
Russia. Negotiations on this point are now
progressing." Evidently Korea can entertain
little doubt of her own future as a State.

The following telegram is an interesting com-
ment on an affair mentioned in our Hongkong
correspondent's letter yesterday:—Berlin, 28th
November. All the officers, except three, of the
battalion stationed at Forbach, the son of
Lieutenant Bilsen's novel, entitled *A Little*
Garrison, are either ill or on leave. It is said
that every officer of this battalion will be trans-
ferred or obliged to resign, in consequence of
Bilsen's revelations.

With reference to the secret orders promul-
gated by the Throne to the various Viceroy
and Governors of provinces to report how many
modern-armed and disciplined troops could be
sent up to Peking in the event of war with
Russia, the *N.C. Daily News* says a recent
letter from the capital reports that replies have
been received by the Grand Council from the
high authorities of the following provinces:—
Liangkiang (consisting of three provinces),
Min-Ché (two provinces), Kwangtung, Hsian,
Shantung, Shensi, Szechuen, Shensi, and Ha-
lung (two provinces), and that the total number
of first-class troops from the above provinces
ready to go up to the North aggregates 50,000
men.

The Customs Gazette, July-September, 1903,
just published by the I.M.C. Statistical
Department, shows the following comparative
figures of the revenue for the quarter, in
Hakwan taels:—

	1903	1902
Chinese ports	7,825,655	7,725,609
Kowloon and Lappa	170,834	207,669
Lungchow, Mongtze, Samsu, & Tungyuh	42,557	42,336
	7,799,046	7,975,614

According to a despatch to the *Manila Cable*,
dated Washington, December 18, the
President has directed that diplomatic relations
between the United States and the Republic of
Columbia be immediately severed. To this
end Consul-General Arthur M. Baupré, from
Illinois, has been recalled from his post at
Bogota, and is now en route to the United States.
He was the only representative of the United
States Diplomatic Corps in the Republic proper.

Count Cassini returned to the United States
on the 11th ult. and resumed his post as
Ambassador at Washington. According to the
Times New York correspondent, he announced
his belief that that part of frankness essential to
diplomacy, declined to say anything about the
situation in the Far East; and that Russia
has troops in Korea; declared that Russian
feeling to the United States is one of the
utmost friendship; lamented that the friendship
has been strained by the Kishin-off petition; and
saw how Americans would regard a Russian
petition about negro troubles. "In all his half-
column of talk there is no sign that he under-
stands the alienations of American feeling from
Russia or American resentment for Russia's
duplicité in Manchuria and her cruelty to her
Hebrew subjects. On neither subjects are
Americans in the mood to accept the lesson
Count Cassini desires to read to us."

POLO.

The first round of the International Polo
Tournament will take place to-day, the 23rd
inst., when Scotland meets Ireland, the teams
being:—

Scotland—C. H. Ross, Lt. Simpson, T.
Johnstone, and F. H. Lyon, R.N.

Ireland—H. E. Mr. May, J. Hastings, Lt.
Knor, and Capt. Carleton.

THE HEALTH OF HONGKONG.

The Acting Colonial Secretary informed us
yesterday that he had received a telegram from
His Britannic Majesty's Consul at Batavia to
the effect that quarantining against the arrivals
from Hongkong has been removed.

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

London, 21st December, 12.50 p.m.

A MYSTERIOUS ACT.

The Chinese Ministers to Austria-Hungary
and to Germany have been recalled.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

London, 20th December.

Considerable anxiety is expressed in the best
informed circles in London concerning the pos-
sible outcome of the situation in the Far East.
It is quite certain that Japan will not accept
the principles in the last Russian note, which
are quite at variance with her main conten-
tions; moreover, it is known that Russia is
assuming a more defiant attitude. The British
Legation at Peking has received a telegram
stating that war is possible, and Japanese
representatives have conferred with New York
bankers relative to a loan, possibly to be used
for war purposes; the conference was with-
out result. Russia has also made a similar
fruitless attempt.

CANTON.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Canton, 20th December.

THE REGATTA.

The weather on the second day of the regatta
was not so propitious as it had been on the first.
A bluster of north wind interfered with the
comfort of performers and spectators alike.
Chief interest was centred on the Interpro-
vincial, in which number of races was witnessed.
It was a matter of regret that the winners of the
International race and Mr. Imhoff's crew
should complete against Hongkong. The race
was rowed at 2 p.m., and as anticipated the
Hongkong B.C. crew won by 2½ lengths,
although their No. 3 was unwell. The Germans
were beaten by Imhoff's crew by 1½ lengths,
while the Y.R.C. did not finish, their stroke
"capturing a huge crustacean" when half the
distance had been covered. The form of the win-
ners was much admired. Koehler won from Kan-
tzel in the Soules race by a distance. There
were no other races of any particular interest.
The big race, for which there were 6 entries,
Arnold Karberg's crew won. The barbers boats,
with the same number of entries, caused some
amusement. The barbers boats a kind of dog-out,
and requires considerable practice to steer
properly. This race was won by Gator from
Destelan. In the Double Sculls Hongkong
sailed, as Russia was unwell, and Canton
rowed over. The Canton fours were won by
Imhoff's crew easily, as their opponents had
not rowed together before. The final race of
the afternoon was the Canton Double Sculls, won
by Allers and Kantzel (3 and stroke in the Ger-
man boat). The interval between the races was
too long, but apart from this the second day
was as enjoyable as the first. It is hoped that
the regatta will become an annual affair.

COREAN NOTES.

[FROM AN OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENT.]

Mokpo, 1st December

The commander of the Korean soldiers at
Wiju who assaulted two Japan soldiers there has sent
a formal apology and promised the officers and
also it was promised that compensation should
be paid to the injured Japanese.

As the result of the protest lodged by the
Japanese Minister in Seoul with regard to the
prevention by the Russians of the landing of
Mr. Higashiwa at Yung-ampho, the Russian
Minister reprimanded the Russian member
company's representative, who was responsible
for the illegality.

Under the secret instruction of Yikon-
thak, Korean Minister of War, a Korean officer
has left Seoul for Port Arthur. His mission
is supposed to be connected with the engage-
ment of Russian troops in Korea.

Reports of various acts of acts of Russians
in Northern Korea are daily received here.

The Korean Court is reported to have failed
in its intention to borrow from Viceroy Alexieff
200 troops as palace guards.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued
the following report:—

On the 22nd at 11.30a. The barometer has
fallen over China risen in Japan.

The anticyclone is spreading Eastward over
Japan, the highest pressure now apparently
lying over the E. coast of China.

Gradients moderate, with strong monsoon in
the Formosa Channel, still rather steep. A
hard monsoon over the Sea.

Forecast:—fresh N. winds; fine.

A CHINESE RUMOUR.

We mentioned yesterday that M. Dubail,
French Minister at Peking, was reported to be
endeavouring to interpose in the Manchurian
question and to persuade China to make some
concession to Russia. The story now comes
from Shanghai that what M. Dubail is urging
is that China is to consent to the continuance
of Russian control over all parts of Manchuria
through which the railway passes and to keep
the ports asked for by the other Powers closed
to Russia will then withdraw from the rest of
Manchuria in March next. In return for her
advice France is to be permitted to put down
the Kwangsi rebellion! And nothing is said
about when France is to retire. This, we must
mention, is a Chinese story, and we cannot
believe M. Dubail ever proposed any such
reward for France. After all there is another
country beside France and China concerned in
the ownership of Kwangsi. As for the
"rebellion," it continued existence as a rebellion
is problematical. We hear nothing of it now.
The *Kwailin* correspondent of the *N.C.*
Daily News, writing on the 27th ult., says:—
"As far as Kwailin is concerned one would not
know that any rebellion was on, were it not
that troops now and then arrive from the north
and proceed to the south." However, he adds
that the rebels posted a placard in Kwailin some
time back offering Tls. 10,000 for H.E. Viceroy
Shun's head, and says that the fact that the Go-
vernment are sending such large bodies of troops
looks as if they have a real fear of what it may
grow to.

A Japanese paper publishes a Peking tele-
gram to the following effect:—"The French
Minister to Peking has sent a note to the
Government offering to act as arbitrator be-
tween Russia and China. He points out that
the grant of some of the proposals made by M.
Leczer in regard to the evacuation of Manchuria
is advisable if China really wishes to see the
Russians withdrawn from the three provinces.
The Chinese Government are, however, firmly
determined to reject the Russian proposal, and
they consider that the French Minister's pro-
posal is made in the interest of Russia."

MASONIC AFFAIRS.

VICTORIA LODGE.

The Eight Worshipful Deputy District
Grand Master of Hongkong and South China,
the Rt. Wor. Bro. E. C. Ray, last night in-
stalled Wor. Bro. C. W. Longuet as R. W. M. of
Victoria Lodge, 1,013 E.C. Hongkong, in
accession to Wor. Bro. E. H. Ray. Wor. Bro.
Longuet installed his officers as follows:—
Senior Warden, Bro. C. H. Grace; Junior
Warden, Bro. W. C. Barrett; Treasurer, Bro.
W. S. Allen; Secretary, Wor. Bro. A. O'D.
Gardiner; Senior Deacon, Bro. P. W. Goldring;
Junior Deacon, Bro. W. J. G. Whalley;
Dr. of Ceremonies, Bro. J. M. Crago
Tyler, Bro. J. Vanstone; Steward, Bro. J.
Hagelberg. At the banquet the following
toasts and songs were given:—The King and
the Craft, by the Worshipful Master
(song, Wor. Bro. Geo. P. Langmore); H.E.H.
the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the
Grand Lodge of England, by the Wor-
shipful Master (song, Bro. C. H. Grace);
The District Grand Master and Officers of the
District Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South
China, by the Worshipful Master (song, Bro.
Geo. Grimble); Sister Lodges and Visitors,
by Bro. Senior Warden (recitation, Wor. Bro.
A. O'D. Gou din); The Worshipful Master,
by Wor. Bro. E. H. Ray (song, Bro. P. W.
Goldring).

WEIHAIWEI SCHOOL.

In his report to the Secretary of State for
the Colonies, the Hon. H. J. Stewart Lockhart,
C.M.G., Commissioner, referring to the
Weihaiwei School, writes:—"So far as climate
is concerned no better place than Weihaiwei
could be found in the Far East for a school,
and there are many European residents in
China in these days of depreciated silver
currency who will avail themselves in increas-
ing numbers of the Weihaiwei School. Wei-
haiwei is one of the few places in the Far East
that can be described as a 'white man's
country' all the year round. A striking
feature in the medical history of the
dependency is its immunity from enteric
and malaria fevers, and its escape from
all epidemics which occurred in the neighbour-
hood of Shanghai and Hongkong, and is better
than that of Japan." The school was opened
three years ago, and already a new building has
had to be erected for the accommodation of the
increasing number of pupils. The new
building is to be opened in February next,
when the new school term commences. The
school is admirably situated on a cliff some
50 feet above sea-level, and is replete with every-
thing for the comfort and efficiency of school life,
and is so built that annexes can be added as
required. The internal arrangements are ex-
cellent, and the sleeping accommodation is in the
form of open dormitories for the purposes of
better ventilation and watchfulness over the
pupils. There are also spacious grounds attached
for the purpose of recreation. The school offers
a liberal secondary education to the sons of Euro-
pean fathers which are certainly moderate. The
subjects for fees which are certainly moderate. The
subjects include divinity, English grammar
and literature, geography, mathematics and
history, while languages include Latin, French,
and German, and his for those desiring it.
Gardening and book-keeping are among the
optional subjects.

THRILLING TALE OF THE SEA

SOLE SURVIVOR OF THE "FINSBURY" ARRIVES
IN HONGKONG.

The loss of the *s.s. Finsbury* is still fresh in
the minds of many people in the Far East. All
that was known about the matter was that the
vessel was lost, while on a voyage from Hong-
kong to Japan, during that terrific typhoon
which raged in the China Sea about the 20th
September. We now learn that one man
survived after undergoing fearful privations
and hardships. That man arrived at Hongkong
from Shanghai yesterday morning.

The *s.s. Finsbury* arrived here from Hamburg
in September. On the voyage out, it appears
some of the crew did not "bit it off" with the
shipper; some of the men asked to be paid off
at Hongkong. The captain paid off five Euro-
peans and one Chinese. The Europeans having
been only on the vessel for five weeks or so, and
having drawn an advance in Hamburg when
they shipped, had not enough money coming to
them to pay a month's board at the Sailors'
Home. Chinese were shipped in their place.
The steamer left Hongkong on the 11th
September. On the morning of the 21st the
vessel was badly caught in the typhoon. The
wind blew with terrific force, and tremen-
dous mountains of water washed over the vessel.
No vessel could stand such usage. First of all
the boats were smashed up and washed out of
the davits; the dock fittings were swept over-
board. The engines could avail nothing; the
vessel lay helpless, completely at the mercy of
the elements. After some time, an enormous
volume of water, much heavier than the sea
which had preceded it, came down with full
force over the forward cargo hatches; they
gave way and water found its way into the
ship's hold. The vessel was doomed, and the
crew had no means at hand wherewith to save
themselves from a watery grave. The steamer
gradually filled, and, suddenly, with a gulp, sank
beneath the dark waters. Those aboard
were sucked down with the vessel,
except, of course, the Chinaman who was
the sole survivor. He managed to cling to
the fore-and-aft bridge which, when the
vessel disappeared from view, was left floating
on the surface. After nine days—too bitter,
almost, to contemplate—clinging to this
wreckage, he was picked up by the crew of a
Japanese schooner which had also been lost in
the typhoon. This crew, however, more
fortunate than the poor men of the *Finsbury*,
had been able to take to the boats. After three
days in the boat, the men landed on
one of the small islands of the Japanese group.
After some time on the island, the sole survivor
of the *Finsbury* was conveyed in a steamer to
one of the Japanese ports, from whence the
Chinese Consul had him sent to Shanghai.
After three weeks in hospital at Shanghai he
returned to Hongkong, arriving yesterday.

BRITISH WEDDING IN MACAO.

On Monday morning there were married in
Macao Mr. George C. Valpy, of the Federated
Malay States service, and Miss Marian
Jampsey, daughter of the late Richard
Jampsey, of Melplash Court, Dorsetshire.
The ceremony was performed at the English
Chapel by the Rev. Mr. Barnett, chaplain. Mr.
T. Dawson Moorhead, Assistant Commissioner
of Customs at Leppa, gave the bride away, Miss
Frances Moorhead was bridesmaid, and Mr. P.
T. Allen, Straits Cadet, best man. The church
was prettily decorated with chrysanthemums
kindly lent from the Camoens Gardens. After
the ceremony had been completed, a reception
was held at the house of Mr. Moorhead, at
which, as at the wedding itself, a great number
of Macao's leading residents were present.
Later on, amid general good wishes, the newly
married couple left Macao for Hongkong by the
s.s. Wingchui.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE
COUNCIL.A meeting of the Council will be held at 3
p.m. to-day.

BUSINESS.

That the Government do obtain from the
Secretary of the Sanitary Board, and do lay
upon the table, for the information of the
Legislative Council, the recommendation which
was made by the majority of the Sanitary Board
as to the definition of "external air," and the
names of the members forming such majority.

QUESTIONS.

To the Honourable the Colonial Secretary:—
1. Does the Government propose to take any,
and, if so, what steps to prevent the public
latrine near the No. 3 Police Station from con-
tinuing to be a nuisance to persons passing
along the Queen's Road East?

2. What is the object of raising the roadway
of the Praya East? Who is paying the cost
of such work?

To the Honourable the Director of Public
Works:—

3. Have any, and, if so, what steps been taken
by your Department in connection with the in-
troduction of the rider main system into the
City of Victoria? By what date do you antici-
pate that the rider main system will be in
proper working order throughout the City of
Victoria? What grounds have you for this
anticipation?

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Second reading of the Bill entitled an Or-
dinance to provide for Payment of Counsel's
Fees by the losing party in certain cases in
which the Attorney-General appears as Counsel.

Committee on the Recovery of Charges incur-
red by the Colony on account of certain unestir-
able persons introduced into the Colony.

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CHESS NOTES.

BY X. Y. Z.

On Monday evening a meeting of the Hongkong Chess Club was held in the room of the President, the Hon. H. E. Pollock, K.C., in Bank Buildings, to consider the position of the Club and arrange a programme for the coming season. The Hon. Treasurer showed that the financial condition was very satisfactory, there being some \$90 in hand; but the roll of membership had fallen off, mainly through departures from the Colony. It was decided to hold one meeting a week only in future, as likely to secure better attendance of members, and a varied programme of events was arranged, including a number of matches. The Club will meet hereafter every Wednesday evening in the City Hall Library at 5.15 o'clock. All chess-players desiring to become members are requested to send in their names to Mr. R. H. Newborn, Hon. Sec.

The Committee of the Hongkong Chess Club is now constituted as follows:—Hon. H. E. Pollock, K.C. (President), Messrs. M. J. Daubourgh (Hon. Treasurer), R. H. Newborn (Hon. Sec.), P. W. Sergeant, and E. J. Moses.

The final arrangements were being made last month in connection with a match for the championship of the world between Dr. Lasker and Dr. Tarrasch. This event is fixed to take place in September or October next year, but the place of meeting is not yet determined upon. The stakes are \$200 a side, the winner of eight games to be declared the victor, draws not counting. Both players will have plenty of time for the preparation which Dr. Lasker claims to be necessary for such an important contest. Personally a year seems to us very long, considering that no championship match has been played since Lasker defeated the late Steinitz. But Lasker has of course a great reputation at stake. In the meantime Lasker is one of the expected contestants at the chess congress at Cambridge Springs, U.S., next April. This latter is a totally distinct affair from the St. Louis Exhibition tournament next summer, which is the official 7th American Congress. The United States should see plenty of good chess next year.

Chess-players who know Paris will be glad to hear that the celebrated Café de la Régence, which all foreigners visit as the place where Napoleon played chess, has risen, phoenix-like, from its ashes. After six months' closing it has been reopened, replete with every comfort and convenience. There is a special room for chess, a restaurant for diners, and a large covered space outside for *cosmopolitans*. Another item of chess news from France is that Janowski and Taubenhaus are playing a match. Janowski is naturally looked on as the stronger of these two French masters.

The following interesting game was played in the recent Russian Masters' Tournament, at Kiev, between Messrs. Teligorin and Schiffers:—

IRREGULAR DEFENCE.
White. Black.
Schiffers. Teligorin. Schiffers. Teligorin.
1 P-K4 P-K4 (a) 15 K-Q4 B-K4
2 P-Q4 P-K4 17 Q-K4 P-Q4 (b)
3 B-K3 P-Q4 18 P-P3 P-P3
4 B-Q3 K-K4 19 Q-QBP P-K4
5 P-K4 Q-K4 20 Q-B4 Q-B7
6 K-K2 P-K4 21 K-B4 Q-K4
7 P-Q3 Q-K2 22 R-P4 Q-K4
8 K-Q2 P-Q4 23 Q-B4 Q-K4
9 Q-B2 R-K4 24 B-B4 (ch) R-K4
10 O-O (a) P-Q4 25 R-K4 Q-K4 (ch)
11 P-B3 P-P3 26 K-R4 R-P4
12 P-P3 P-P3 27 R-K4 Q-K4
13 P-P3 K-Q4 (f) 28 Q-B4 (h) R-P4 (ch)
14 P-K4 Q-B3 29 K-K4 R-B4 (ch)
15 K-R4 R-K4 (h) 31 B-B2 B-B4 (ch) (ch)

NOTES BY L. VAN VLIET.
(a) To find Teligorin adopting an irregular defence to the KP opening is quite a novelty. Perhaps he has come to the conclusion that anything is preferable to defending the cut-and-dried variations of the Bay Lopez.

(b) Better, probably, is 3, P-Q43. The QB is not well placed on K4.

(c) Merely in order to prevent Kt-K5, which, however, would be unnecessary if White had not played 3, B-K3.

(d) The temptation to Castle QB in positions of this kind is difficult to resist; but it is always dangerous, as the Bishop on KK2 generally gets into the attack on the King in a most unexpected manner, and often with surprising force.

(e) White's entire plan of campaign is to maintain the centre; but it will be seen how cleverly Black succeeds in breaking through.

(f) Again the weakness of White's third move in the game (B-K3) is demonstrated.

(g) Preferable seems 14, B-B2, Kt-K5; 15, Q-K4, Kt-B4 (ch); Q-K4.

(h) Not B-P4, for then, 16, Kt-QB4, Q-B7; 17, R-K4, Q-R4; 18, R-B4, winning the B.

(i) He can well afford a Pawn for the privilege of obtaining the open file for his QB.

(j) An interesting but unsound combination. Probably Schiffers counted upon winning back

the B by 23, Q-B7 (ch), forgetting that Black could interpose with B.

(k) Also wrong. He had now nothing better than 24, Q-K4 (ch).

(l) He might as well have resigned in this position. To change Queens means, of course, certain defeat, and to do otherwise means a forced mate in a few moves.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

NEW REGULATIONS.

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1. A fund, which shall be administered by the Colonial Treasurer, shall be formed to meet the expenses of the Corps, and shall consist of all sums at present standing to the credit of the Corps and of such grants and allowances as shall be paid by Government.

2. The Government shall pay annually to the credit of the Corps Fund:—(1) A gratification grant of \$25 for each member borne on the muster roll on the 1st of January, or enrolled between that date and the 1st of October following. (2) An efficiency grant of \$25 for each member who is certified to be efficient in the manner and in accordance with the conditions set forth in Part I. of the Sixth Schedule to the Regulations of the 6th November, 1932, published in the Government Gazette of the 11th of that month. (3) A proficiency grant of \$20 for each member of the ranks and of including that of sergeant who is certified by the commandant to be proficient. (4) An allowance of \$2.50 per caput per diem, for camp expenses, for members attending a camp of instruction, for not less than three days and not more than ten days. (5) An allowance to cover expenses of transport of \$1.25 to be paid annually on the 1st January in every year.

3. From the fund formed under Regulations 1 and 2, the Colonial Treasurer will, on presentation of claimants duly authenticated by the Commandant, defray the cost of the following supplies and services:—(1) Supply of uniform to Volunteers; (2) Supply of practice ammunition, additional to that supplied by the Government; (3) Payment of instructors, not on the staff of the Corps; (4) Hire of transport for parades, camp, or other purposes; (5) Custody, care, and repair of arms and equipment; (6) Custody of stores; (7) Upkeep of rifle ranges; (8) The holding of an annual camp of instruction; and (9) All other expenses connected with the maintenance of the Corps in a state of efficiency and not otherwise specially provided for.

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C. D. MELBOURNE,
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Rev. F. LUGBY, R.N.
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OLAF NIELSEN,
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SUICIDE OF J. S. REUBEN.

The inquest into the cause of the death of Mr. J. S. Reuben, at the Waverley Hotel on Monday morning, under circumstances already reported in these columns, was held yesterday afternoon at the Magistrate's Court. The first witness called was Dr. Hunter, who said that on Monday afternoon the body of the deceased was brought to the Mortuary, where he, witness, made a post-mortem examination of the remains, from which he found the cause of death was carbolic acid poisoning. Chua Chua, called, stated that he was the room-boy at the Waverley Hotel. On Monday morning he went into the room as usual to give Mr. Reuben his coffee. Witness noticed that he appeared strange and immediately went and called his mistress, the proprietress of the hotel, who went back with him, and then found that the man was dead. The police were immediately notified.

Henry Evans, P.C., said on Monday morning he was called to the Waverley Hotel, and taken to room No. 12. He saw deceased in bed. He was lying on his side in bed with the bed-clothes up to his chest. He was wearing a dark suit of clothes, but without shoes or socks. The body was quite cold. The table in the centre of the room was in great disorder, and on the table was a glass, in which, the doctor said, was carbolic acid. Witness smelt the glass and thought it was carbolic acid. He then took possession of the room and locked the door. He sent a boy up to the Central Station, when Sergeant Sullivan came down and examined the room. The body was then removed to the Central Station, and later to the Mortuary by order of the inspector on duty. That was about 1.30 p.m. On the table were several letters; one was open (produced). Two other letters were found. One was addressed to Joseph Benjamin, Esq. Mr. Benjamin being in court, this letter was handed to him, and having read the same he said there was something in it. The letter was then handed to the Magistrate. In this letter deceased said he was short of money, and had to pay a debt of \$200 in the morning, but was too shy to ask his employers, or his Christian friends, for an advance, and prayed that he might be forgiven for this act, which his trouble compelled him to do. He said he was dying because he was intoxicated, but that his debts would all be paid, as among his papers he had a promissory note for \$500. He did not mention the names of his employers. Another letter was addressed to a member of the committee of the Jewish synagogue, and that letter was also opened by the address in court, who stated that the purport of the letter was a request to the committee to pardon him for this act, but he was driven to it by distress. The letter was written in Hebrew, Chua Chua, recalled, said he saw the glass on the table in the room. He saw something in it. He did not know how the deceased got the carbolic acid.

The watchman at the Waverley Hotel was called, and said he was on duty on the night of the 21st. He saw the deceased enter the hotel in the morning. The hotel closes at 12 m. He saw the deceased go out at 6.29 p.m. on the 20th. He came back at 11.30 p.m., and after going to his room for a few minutes, he came down again and gave him a large number of books to wrap up. The deceased took the books away with him in a chair, and returned at 1.30 a.m. Witness let him in. He did not seem to be in liquor. He walked slowly upstairs.

Lo Gulu, boy at the hotel, called, said on the morning of the 21st inst., at about 8.30, Chua Chua came and called him to the room of the deceased. He was fully dressed, except for his boots and socks. He was dead. He did not notice any marks on his mouth. He did not notice a glass on the table. Smelling the glass he said there was no such disinfectant in the hotel. They used Jeyes' fluid. He did not know how the deceased got the acid. Witness took the police to the room. No bottle was found.

Verdict—The cause of death was carbolic acid poisoning, the carbolic acid being self-administered.

THE JAPANESE DIET.

The following is the text of the answer of the Japanese House of Representatives to the Emperor's Message on the 10th inst.:

"Your Majesty has just solemnly performed the opening ceremony of the nineteenth session of the Diet, for which the House cannot help but feel grateful. The present condition and prospects of the nation are of so bright a character as has rarely been the case in the history of the country, but the provisions made by the Ministers of State are insufficient to uphold the prosperity of the country. In home administration the Ministers are content with temporary measures, and in foreign affairs the Ministers responsible have missed such opportunities that the House cannot but be apprehensive of the future. May your gracious Majesty judge the action the Ministers of State are taking. The House desires to consider all matters brought before it with judgment and circumspection, and will respond to the Imperial desire on the one hand and to the trust reposed in it on the other by the nation."

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SUPREME COURT.

Tuesday, 22nd December.

IN CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.
BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR WILLIAM M. GOODMAN (CHIEF JUSTICE).

COMMITTEES TO THE SESSIONS.

The Hon. Attorney-General, Sir Henry S. Berkeley (who was instructed by Mr. H. Horsthouse, of Messrs. Denys and Bowley), stated that in the last case on the list, in which the defendants were Chan Sui and Wong Hing Kwai, he did not intend to present an indictment against the second, and he asked that he be discharged. He proposed to take that case in the afternoon if the witnesses came in from the New Territory. Otherwise he would have to ask the Court to sit on the following day.

His Lordship—When was this case committed?
The Attorney-General—The 17th.
His Lordship said he was not at all sure that the case should be taken at the present Sessions. The old practice so far as he could recollect it was that prisoners were entitled to four days' grace. The Sessions began on the 18th, and they had everything arranged for them, and now on the 22nd he had the depositions and indictment put into his hands for the first time. Probably it would be better to ask the prisoner if he wished his case to be taken at these Sessions. In future it would be better not to commit cases the night before. In England it was different, for there was a grand jury sitting and they had nothing else to do but to take the bills that came before them. Here the Attorney-General had to draft the indictments himself, and when the Session had begun he had to be in Court all day long and had not time to deal with late cases.

The Attorney-General said that they would take that case in future.
His Lordship added that he would be glad if they would not commit cases after, say, the 16th. Later cases should be adjourned till the next month's Sessions in order to allow the depositions to be got ready.

CHARGE OF MANSLAUGHTER AGAINST A JAPANESE.

Tosuke Tabai, a young Japanese, was charged with the manslaughter of a Chinese coolie at Quarry Bay on the 8th December.

He pleaded not guilty and was defended by Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., barrister-at-law (instructed by Mr. J. Hays, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, solicitors).

The following jury was empanelled—Messrs. O. L. Gorham, C. B. H. Solumaker, A. Reid, G. Rust, G. H. May, S. A. Joseph, and J. Christie.

The Attorney-General in opening the case stated that it was alleged that when the deceased coolie was working coal on the steamer *Mandarin Maru* some trouble arose between the prisoner, who was acting as tallyman, and the deceased. It was alleged that prisoner pushed the deceased coolie over the side of the ship into the water, with the result that the coolie was drowned. The body was not found for some time afterwards, when it was discovered that fracture of the skull had caused death. The case for the defence before the Magistrate, and he presumed it would be the same there, was that while the prisoner was in charge of the coaling gang he spoke to the deceased about the way he was doing his work, whereupon the coolie became insolent and threw a lump of coal at the prisoner, who jumped up from his seat and rushed towards him; that the coolie was frightened and on his way over the side of the ship fell into the water, and that the prisoner was not close to him when he so fell. It did not require that the prisoner should actually push the man over the side to be guilty of manslaughter, for if one person pursued another and the latter was in fear of his life and jumped overboard the former would be guilty of causing his death. But that was not the case for the Crown; their case was that the prisoner pushed the man and caused him to fall overboard—pushed him over the side with his hands.

Evidence was then taken for the prosecution, similar to that which had been given when the case was before the Magistrate.

Mr. Sharp, K.C., in opening the defence said there was no doubt that this coolie, or a coolie, died from a blow received in falling overboard from the *Mandarin Maru*. Also they made no question that the unhappy defendant was concerned in the matter. Nobody regretted that circumstance more than the defendant himself. The only question for the jury was what the defendant did. He thought he would be able to satisfy them that he did nothing unlawful or improper in any way, and that the death of this coolie was caused by misadventure; that was to say, it was an unfortunate accident. Defendant was one of three tally clerks working on the ship. There were three scales alongside the hatch. Prisoner was sitting at the front scale and the other two tally clerks at the two others. Coal was being taken out of the ship by coolies, and after it was weighed at these scales it was put down the hatches. The tally clerks were troubled by the coolies trying to "squeeze" coal. It amounted to this, that more coal was taken off a ship than was weighed. How the coolies disposed of it afterwards to their advantage need not be enquired into. Naturally the coolies cherished no goodwill towards the tally clerks, whose principal duty it was to prevent this petty theft of coal. It was the essence of their position that they should not be very much liked by the coolies in whose way in this respect they were obliged to stand. The respect they had been obliged to recall several baskets of coal before this unfortunate accident.

No doubt the coolies were a little annoyed. Just before the accident a lump of coal was thrown at the defendant. It struck him on the head but did not hurt him much. He did not see who threw it. Then a second lump was thrown; he saw who threw it this time; it was the deceased. He got up from his chair and went towards the coolie to hand him over to the foreman. The man, knowing what he had done, ran away and in going down the gang plank leading from the ship to the wharf he slipped off, fell into the water and was killed.

Evidence for the defence was given by fellow-countrymen of the defendant.

After counsel had addressed the jury and his Lordship had summed up, a verdict of not guilty was returned and the accused was discharged. The Court adjourned till to-day at 10 a.m.

POLICE COURT.

Tuesday, 22nd December.

BEFORE MR. T. SERGEANT SMITH (POLICE MAGISTRATE).

INFRINGEMENT OF POSTAL REGULATIONS.

Li Wing Ho, accountant in the shop of Hong Cheng Lung, Queen's Road, Hongkong, was arraigned on the charge of conveying letters to Canton and elsewhere without their being duly stamped according to the regulations and orders of the Postmaster-General. He pleaded guilty, and had no defence, and was fined \$100, with the alternative of 2 months' imprisonment.

STEALING PIGS.

Chau Lu and Ho Chan, two coolies, were charged with breaking into a pigsty at Mianan Hu, and stealing therefrom 2 pigs of the value of \$12 the property of Cheng Wing, a widow, on the 21st inst. They were convicted and sentenced to 2 months' hard labour each.

CRUELTY TO FOWLS.

Lau Cho, cook, was convicted of carrying fowls by their wings in such a manner as to cause them unnecessary suffering. \$3 or 7 days was the penalty imposed.

THEFT.

Way Shing Chung, a shoemaker, was charged with stealing a bundle of bedding, valued at \$4, and \$130 in cash, the property of Lau King, a salesman, of 10 Wing On Street, on board the s.s. *Pak Kong* on the way from Macao to Hongkong. He was sent to six months' hard labour.

RAF-FLANGES.

Captain Polack, of the s.s. *König Albert*, German mail steamer, was charged with not keeping rat-flanges on his hawseers when moored alongside the wharf at Kowloon on the 21st November. He stated that he knew nothing about it beyond the fact that the chief officer had told him that the rat-flanges were in place. The chief officer was not present in court, and the inspector testified to the fact that no rat-flanges were on the hawseers when he visited the steamer some hours after her arrival. A fine of \$10 was imposed.

HAWKING.

A number of unlicensed hawkers were arraigned before His Worship and were penalised in the sum of \$5 or 7 days, with 3 hours in the stocks each.

SHIPPING NOTES.

WEATHER OUTSIDE.

Arrivals from Shanghai, and intermediate ports, report strong monsoon with high following sea; clear weather. Arrivals from Manila and Singapore also report strong N.E. monsoon.

NEW FRENCH STEAMER FOR THE CANTON RIVER.

There is now on her way to Hongkong and expected to have arrived by the 18th inst. the French steamer *Paul Beau* for the Canton River trade. She is one of the steamers sent out by the Messageries Company to ply in competition with the Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co. In a short time a similar vessel will arrive, the *Charles Hardouin*, and then there will be three French river-boats on the Canton River. The *Paul Beau* is built to accommodate 60 first and second-class passengers, and 800 natives; and her cargo capacity is 500 tons. She was built at Nantes and cost one million francs, or £47,000. From St. Nazaire to Colombo she took 35 days, sailing at Algiers and Port Said for coal. Her steaming capacity is 13 knots an hour, and she expected to reach Hongkong, leaving Colombo on the 2nd inst., in sixteen days. Captain Le Sauvage is in command, and has under him six officers and a crew of 70 natives.

COLLISION AT SHANGHAI.

At Shanghai a few days ago the C. M. S. *Kwanglee*, outward-bound to Hongkong, and the I. C. S. *Elorado* collided in the river opposite the Old Dock. The *Kwanglee* was able to proceed on her voyage without delay, being only slightly damaged by a small hole in her port bow. The *Elorado* had just arrived from Chefoo and was preparing to drop anchor at the time of the accident, the *Kwanglee* striking her near the bow and stripping her side for some distance. Mr. T. Weir, marine superintendent of the C. M. S. N. Co., was on board the *Kwanglee* at the time of the accident en route to Hongkong.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The N.Y.K. steamer *Bingo Marx* (European Line) left Shanghai for this port on the 21st inst., and is expected here to-morrow.
The A.A. steamer *Arara*, from New York, will leave Manila on the 23rd inst., and is due here on Saturday, the 26th inst., at daylight.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

[VIA JAPAN AND SHANGHAI.]

THE FAR EASTERN CRISIS.

London, 10th December.

It is reported from St. Petersburg that great uneasiness prevails there. Should Russia suffer a reverse, it is thought that the results would be disastrous. The *Bourse Gazette* has become somewhat pacific, but the *St. Petersburg* is taking an aggressive line.
The *Morning Post* has published a vigorous leader calling for a resumption of British influence in the Far East. It urges support of Japanese action.

Secretary Hay has officially declared, that beyond seeing that her own treaty rights are respected, and that all obligations are carried out, the United States will remain unconcerned by the Far Eastern imbroglio. It is stated that President Roosevelt is anxious to prevent misunderstanding with regard to the intentions of the present administration. In his message to Congress, President Roosevelt insists upon the necessity of the autonomy of Manchou being maintained. The President described the present state of affairs as anomalous, but expressed the opinion that there would be a full development of commerce as soon as a settlement had been arrived at. He urged the prompt establishment of a naval base in the Philippines.

Five thousand tons of Cardiff coal were despatched to Port Arthur in November.—*Mainichi*.

Berlin, 15th December.

The French and English Press agree now in the opinion, held here from the start, that the dissolution of the Japanese Diet was only prompted by the desire of the Government to avoid any inopportune incidents while the conferences with Russia have not been brought to an end.—*O. Lloyd*.

Kobe, 17th December.

Yesterday's conference between the Elder Statesmen and the Cabinet is believed to have resulted in a decision against the acceptance of the Russian reply. The Cabinet adheres to the policy not meeting with the Elder Statesmen in June last, to make partial concessions is futile, and an enduring settlement of the Manchurian question is necessary. The outlook is distinctly darkening. It was reported in Tokyo this afternoon that the dispatch of troops to Korea is imminent. The Elder Statesmen were amused to the Palace this morning.—*N. C. D. N.*

Tokyo, 17th December.

At the conference yesterday between the Elder Statesmen and the chief Ministers it was decided to pursue a forward policy, in order to realise Japan's original programme, without yielding an inch; but the resources of diplomacy are not yet exhausted.—*N. C. D. N.*

THE KAISER'S HEALTH.

Berlin, 15th December.

Count Ballestrem reports with regard to his and the Reichstag Vice-Presidents' audience with the Kaiser, that the conversation was very smart. The Kaiser had entirely recovered his old liveliness; his voice was clear and full. The Emperor emphasised during the audience the necessity of Germany taking her part in politics abroad. He then spoke of the importance of Kinohara for Germany's special interests in the Far East, and of the building of railways, which had become a question of life for the African colonies.—*O. Lloyd*.

GERMANY AND SOCIALISM.

Chancellor Count Balow, when speaking again to the Budget, called upon all parties to join hands against the Socialists.—*O. Lloyd*.

H.K.V.C. FIXTURES.

The following Corps Orders have been issued by Major C. G. Pritchard, Commandant and Adjutant H.K.V.C.:

ARTILLERY COMPANIES.

Parade.—At Headquarters at 9 p.m. on Wednesday, 23rd December, 1903, for 15 Pr. B.L. Gun Drill. Sergt. Bartolome, R.G.A., will attend.

TAKOO DETACHMENT.

Parade.—At Takoo, for that detachment at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 2nd December, 1903, for 15 Pr. and Maxim Gun Drill. C.S.M. Whelan, R.G.A., will attend.

JOINED.

M. Simmons joined on 8th December, 1903, assigned Corps Number 749 and posted to No. 3 Sub-Division Right Half No. 1 Company H.K.V.C.

T. G. Milne joined on 15th December, 1903, assigned Corps Number 750 and posted to Engineer Company.

RESIGNED.

No. 616 Ganner R. Bonnet has been permitted to resign dated 15th December, 1903.

No. 305 Ganner A. Rahman has been permitted to resign dated 15th December, 1903.

No. 681 Ganner E. W. Rogers has been permitted to resign dated 15th December, 1903.

2. Ambulance Class.—Members of the Corps wishing to join the next Ambulance Class which commences shortly, will please forward their names to Headquarters as soon as possible.

3. Arms and Equipment.—It is notified for information that a form is being circulated to each member to fill up showing what arms, etc., are in his possession; it is requested that these forms may be filled up and returned to Headquarters within one week.

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Saturday, January 9th.—March out and practice from Maxim Guns, also probably preliminary practice with 15-Pr. B. L. Engineer Company.—Musketry Field Practices.

Saturday, January 23rd.—Competition for Sir W. J. Gascoigne's Shield, Drill and Practice with Maxim Guns.

China New Year.—Drill and Practice for Maxim Guns and 15-Pr. B. L. Guns from Lai-shi-kok.

Engineer Company.—Infantry Drill and Musketry Field Practices.

15-Pr. Drill Competition for Cup presented by Captain Sanders, early in March.

Examinations.—Officers and N.C.O.'s for Proficiency during week commencing March 14th. Competition for Sir H. A. Blake's Musketry Shield after annual inspection, end of March or beginning of April.

Conditions for competitions will be published in due course; only those N.C.O.'s and men who are thoroughly qualified and have passed as gun-layers will be allowed to lay the guns at practice.

A special drill for Gun Ls will take place one day each week at 5 p.m. until further notice.

The Commandant hopes that every member of the Corps will read up the drills and attend parades so that the practices may be a success.

O.C.'s units are requested to notify the Commandant at any time if they wish for a special drill for their units—3 days' notice at least must be given.

"THE ABUSE OF TITLES."

Dealing with the above subject a contributor to the *30-C. Daily News* says that Americans in China use the title "Honourable" to distinguish their representatives from those of other nations, and that he has heard that the higher title is not infrequently used by grateful citizens; he does not think, however, that the general body of foreign Consuls in China lay any claim to or desire the appellation. He continues:—"We may be permitted to remark in this connection on the appearance in a Hongkong paper the other day, at the head of a list of directors of an Anglo-Chinese company, of the Honourable the Vice-Consul of the United States. It is doubtful whether the title is in this case strictly warranted even by American etiquette, although its use is perhaps excusable in a colony where honourable men are so very common. We have often wondered why, say, the Harbour Master of a British Colony should be distinguished as Honourable, while the British Representative at a neighbouring Court is, or was, plain Minister, and the Commander of a first-class battleship is only a Captain! It is true that the title is apparently accorded to the office and not the individual, so that in Hongkong, where the majority of officials are usually performing any duties but their own, the distinction is of a short-lived and evanescent description. Thus it may happen that a gentleman, of irreproachable character and marked ability, may retire to rest one evening as an honourable and wake up next morning to find himself through no fault of his own bereft of his honours owing to the arrival of the mail bearing the incumbent of his post. Sic transit gloria mundi!"

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